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Isakson Announces Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Funding Requests

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., today announced the fiscal year 2010 funding requests for Georgia projects that he has submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Isakson believes increased transparency and disclosure are essential to the appropriations process.

Requests are listed in alphabetical order. This list will be updated as Isakson submits additional requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Atlanta Christian College, to fund the development of Adult Education Satellite Campuses in Savannah and Columbus, \$1.28 million

The Atlanta Christian College in Atlanta, Ga., will combine private and federal funding to develop satellite campuses in Columbus and Savannah, Ga., to serve working adults. These satellite campuses will help working adults obtain employment or advance to higher wage jobs. The Atlanta Christian College will offer onsite and online courses with class times that meet the needs of working adults who have who have been unable to complete their degrees in a traditional classroom setting.

City of College Park, to fund Entrepreneurial Development Center, \$500,000

The Entrepreneurial Development Center in College Park, Ga., is a community-sponsored, non-profit business accelerator. The center's vision is to provide economic growth in College Park and the greater metro region through the development and expansion of entrepreneurial enterprise. The center is focused on creating local wealth for area re-investment by growing and cultivating corridor-based regional, national and international businesses.

College Park is one of the largest employment districts in Georgia, yet it has an unemployment rate that trends above state and federal levels, making the area ripe for business development. Proximity to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is an additional catalyst for further small business growth.

National Urban League, to fund Restore Our Homes-Homeownership Center, \$500,000

To better serve Georgia residents facing foreclosure or buying a home for the first time, the National Urban League and the Atlanta Urban League will expand and enhance their Restore Our Homes-Homeownership Center in Atlanta, Ga., to connect people to housing counseling, homebuyer education, financial literacy workshops, credit counseling, fair housing advocacy and foreclosure assistance.

University of West Georgia, to fund Small Business Incubator, \$1.2 million

In cooperation with the Carroll County Economic Development Foundation, the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Ga., will use funding to establish a small business incubator to assist small business in a six county area of West Georgia, which includes Bartow, Carroll, Haralson, Floyd, Polk and Paulding counties. This program will offer counseling, resource information exchange and distance learning opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business ventures. An estimated 3,500 small business clients will be assisted through this program.

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